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MINUTES OF ORGANIZATION MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MAY 6, 1933

The organization meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club was held at the club room, 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco, California, at 10 o'clock, Saturday morning, May 6, 1933. Present: Directors Adair, Badè, Bernays, Clark, Colby, Dawson, Farquhar, Huber, LeConte, McDuffie, Parsons, Price, Tappaan. Absent: Directors Adams and Yost. D. R. Brothers and Harry Hartman, chairmen of the Southern California and San Francisco Bay chapters, respectively, were also present. Mr. Bernays called the meeting to order.

The report of the judges of election was thereupon read announcing that the following were elected on April 8, 1933, directors of the Sierra Club for the ensuing year: Herbert S. Adair, Virginia Best Adams, William Frederic Badè, Phil S. Bernays, Lewis F. Clark, William E. Colby, Ernest Dawson, Francis P. Farquhar, Walter L. Huber, J. N. LeConte, Duncan McDuffie, Marion R. Parsons, Robert M. Price, Francis D. Tappaan, Mary Yost. A motion was passed thanking the judges of election for their work on behalf of the Club.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Francis P. Farquhar, president; Ernest Dawson, vice-president; William E. Colby, secretary; Walter L. Huber, treasurer. Duncan McDuffie was elected the fifth member of the Executive Committee. Joseph N. LeConte was unanimously re-elected honorary president. The following were elected honorary vice-presidents: Robert Underwood Johnson, Vernon L. Kellogg, J. Horace McFarland, John C. Merriam, John Barton Payne, Robert G. Sproul, Ray Lyman Wilbur. Francis P. Farquhar was elected chairman of the Editorial Board for the coming year.

The absent directors, both of whom had written that they would be unable to attend, were excused. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, held December 3, 1932, were approved as published in the December *Sierra Club Bulletin*. Mr. Huber's report as treasurer for the year 1932 was approved as published in the February *Sierra Club Bulletin*.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club has learned with profound regret of the passing on of our esteemed member, Charles James Fox, be it resolved that this Board desires to express publicly its appreciation of the many years of devoted service rendered by Mr. Fox to the Sierra Club and to the work in which it is engaged, as set forth in the memoir published in the *Sierra Club Bulletin* for April, 1933; and be it further resolved that this resolution be entered upon the minutes of the Board and that a copy thereof be sent to Mrs. Fox.

A petition signed by 47 members of the Club residing in Santa Clara County was presented asking for authority to organize a Santa Clara County chapter. This petition was granted, to become effective upon completion of the required fifty names.

Report was made that, after the formation of a Winter Sports Committee, as authorized at the December meeting of the Board and announced in the December *Sierra Club Bulletin*, a great deal was accomplished in the short time remaining in developing interest in skiing, conducting trips, and giving instruction in ski-technique. A motion was passed to continue the Winter Sports Committee for the coming year.

It was pointed out that certain changes in the by-laws of the Club seemed desirable in order to meet the developments of recent years and to remove inconsistencies. Mr. Huber was appointed chairman of a committee to report on this subject at the December meeting.

Mr. Colby reported that the completion of the furniture for the new club room had been deferred on account of lack of funds, but that the San Francisco Bay Chapter had generously voted a contribution for this purpose. He read a letter dated April 20th from Mr. Hartman, chairman of the San Francisco Bay Chapter, advising that the chapter had unanimously voted to contribute the sum of \$350 to be used for this purpose. A motion was passed that the San Francisco Bay Chapter be thanked for its generous contribution toward the completion of the furniture for the Club headquarters. A contribution from Mr. Albert M. Bender, previously acknowledged, is also available for this purpose.

Mention was made of the fine work of the Room Committee in planning a program of exhibits, as announced in the December *Sierra Club Bulletin*, and in arranging and hanging the pictures and other items of each exhibit. A motion was passed that the Room Committee be appointed for another year, with Ansel E. Adams as chairman, Mr. Adams being given authority to add to his committee, or substitute, as occasion may require.

Report was made of several meetings of an informal library committee held for the purpose of arranging the books and periodicals. In order to carry on this work it was voted that a library committee be constituted, to be appointed by the President.

Mr. Hartman was called upon for a report as to the activities of the San Francisco Bay Chapter and spoke briefly about its general activities. In mentioning the matter of finances, he stated that from a tabulation of receipts and disbursements since the chapter's existence it appeared that a surplus had been gradually built up, and that the executive committee of the chapter was very glad to be able to make the contribution toward the furniture for the club room from this surplus. He further stated that the chapter was using and planned to continue to use more of its income than formerly for lectures and other educational purposes as an aid in spreading the influence of the Sierra Club in this locality. Mention was made of the series of interesting lectures given in the Pacific Gas & Electric Auditorium during the past few months under the auspices of the Bay Chapter.

Mr. Brothers gave a report on general activities and finances of the Southern California Chapter, including the management of the Harwood and Muir lodges. He reported that interest in skiing had increased during the past winter, that the Winter Sports Committee had arranged for ski instruction at Harwood Lodge, and that many members had taken advantage of this instruction to improve their technique.

Dr. Badé submitted several suggestions for the wording to be placed on the bronze tablet which it is planned to install on the Muir Shelter this summer when the Sierra Club outing party crosses Muir Pass. The following was selected as most appropriate: *To John Muir, lover of "The Range of Light," this shelter was erected through the generosity of George Frederick Schwarz, 1931. Sierra Club. U. S. Forest Service.* The matter was left in the hands of the Executive Committee for completion.

Report was made of the passage by the California State Senate of Senate Joint Resolution No. 19, introduced by Senator Breed and others, relative to approval by the President of the United States of a project for the completion of the John Muir Trail under the provisions of Act of Congress approved March 31, 1933. It was voted that a letter of thanks be sent Senator Breed.

An invitation to the Sierra Club to be represented at the Fourth International Congress of Alpinism was read and Mr. A. E. Gunther, member of the Club, now residing at The Hague, Netherlands, was appointed to represent the Club.

A letter from Bestor Robinson making several suggestions as to procedure was referred to the Committee on Revision of By-Laws.

A communication from Robert Sterling Yard, relating to the reclassification of government bureaus, was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

The finances of the Club were discussed at length. Mr. Huber had submitted in advance of the meeting a budget plan for the year 1933, and Mr. Farquhar had prepared a summary of receipts and disbursements over the past ten years. Special reference was made to the cost of the annual magazine number of the *Sierra Club Bulletin*. A motion was passed that the amount to be spent on the February, 1934, *Sierra Club Bulletin* should not exceed thirty per cent of the 1933 income of the Club, but that every effort be made to maintain the quality of the publication even though its size might have to be reduced. It was also voted that the Executive Committee act as a budget committee with a view to balancing the budget and keeping the expenses within the income if possible. The Treasurer was authorized to draw temporarily upon the Permanent Fund for the current needs of the Club, repayment to be made when possible.

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In recognition of his valuable services to the Club in connection with the publication of the *Sierra Club Bulletin*, Mr. George P. Vance was elected an honorary member of the Club. Mr. Vance read the proof of the first number of the *Bulletin*, published in 1893, and, with the exception of a few years, has continued as reader to the present time.

A resolution was adopted thanking Mr. Phil S. Bernays for his faithful service not only as president of the Club for the past two years but for many years of devotion to the Club.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

WILLIAM E. COLBY, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 1933-34

The following committees have been appointed:

Outing Committee—William E. Colby (chairman), Francis D. Tappaan (manager), Ansel E.

Adams.

Committee on Lodges—Lewis F. Clark (chairman), M. Hall McAllister, Peter J. Van Oosting.

Committee on Legislation—Ernest Dawson (chairman), Phil S. Bernays, William E. Colby, Walter L. Huber, Duncan McDuffie.

Editorial Board—Francis P. Farquhar (chairman), Ansel E. Adams, Ethel Boulware, Nathan C. Clark, Glen Dawson, Walter L. Huber, François E. Matthes, Marion R. Parsons, Elmo A. Robinson.

Library Committee—May Dornin (chairman), Marjory Bridge, Frank M. Bumstead, Richard G. Johnson, Helen LeConte, Richard M. Leonard, Kenneth May, Kenneth Schwab, Lee L. Stoppie.

Committee on Revision of By-Laws—Walter L. Huber (chairman), Phil S. Bernays, Robert M. Price.

Committee on Mountain Registers—Oliver Kehrlein (chairman), Lewis F. Clark, Glen Dawson, Jules Eichorn, H. Stewart Kimball, Richard M. Leonard.

Committee on Motion Picture Collection—Nathan C. Clark (chairman), Donald de Fremery, E. A. Mayers, Charles E. Townsend, F. C. Youngberg.

Room Committee—Ansel E. Adams (chairman), Mrs. John Bakewell, Lewis F. Clark, Mrs. E. W. Currier, Marjory Dickieson, Marian R. Hart.

Winter Sports Committee—Bestor Robinson (chairman), John W. Banks, Jr., Otto Barkan, Horace H. Breed, D. Ray Brothers, Lewis F. Clark, Nathan C. Clark, Glen Dawson, Donald de Fremery, D. I. Farquharson, W. B. Garthwaite, Joel H. Hildebrand, Oliver Kehrlein, Otis R. Marston, Walter Mosauer, Harold Paige, W. D. Patterson, C. A. Withington, H. C. Youngquist.

ORGANIZATION OF LOMA PRIETA CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB

Santa Clara County members of the Sierra Club met at Hidden Villa Ranch, near Los Altos, Sunday, June 18th, for final organization of the proposed chapter for this district.

Loma Prieta Chapter is the name chosen for the new group. This name is derived from Loma Prieta, highest point in the Santa Cruz range, located about ten miles southeast of Los Gatos in Santa Clara County.

An executive committee was chosen and constitution and by-laws adopted. The committee met after the organization meeting, and officers were chosen as follows: Chairman, Frank H. Lewis; Vice Chairman, Dr. Honora McCarty; Secretary, Lottie Shafter; Treasurer, Bertram A. Gage; Ethel Boulware, John Young and Frank Duveneck complete the members of the committee.

The chapter starts with a membership of fifty-three and of these, seventeen are new members of the Sierra Club.

Unusual interest has been shown in the schedule of local walks held during the past five months. A schedule covering July, August, September and October is in preparation. Several lectures and showings of pictures held during the spring at San Jose State College Little Theater drew crowds of from 150 to 350.

The San Jose State College hiking group, under the leadership of Elmo Robinson, has been walking with us and assisting materially in the educational features.

We are planning to introduce Sierra Club members and interested hikers to some new country in southern San Mateo County, Santa Cruz County and Santa Clara County, and take this opportunity of extending an invitation to all members of the club to join us at any time.

FRANK H. LEWIS, *Chairman*.

1933 OUTING

The outing party is nearly complete and very shortly after this reaches the members it will leave for the first camp on Bishop Creek. There are some who may desire to join the party for the last two weeks, starting July 21st. Reservations can be made by applying in person or writing to the club headquarters, 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco. Full information can be obtained as to joining the party during the last two weeks. During the first two weeks the main side trip will be up the South Fork of the San Joaquin in a region heretofore unvisited by the club. During the second two weeks the main side trip will be up Cartridge Creek to Marion Lake and vicinity. The fee for the entire outing is \$70; for each of the two-weeks periods \$40.

REGISTER COMMITTEE SEEKS COOPERATION

Lying bare under the blazing sun, buried in snowbanks, withstanding tempestuous winds, waiting in lonely cairns, Sierra Club registers have weathered the years atop California's mountains. Some were put there long ago, others have yet to experience their first winter. To compile a record of these registers, where and when they were placed, and by whom, is one of the objects of the new Register Committee. Although some of the data are available in Club archives the record is incomplete and the committee urges all members who have specific information on these matters to send it to the Club headquarters in care of the Assistant Secretary.

A SKIING PUBLICATION WORTHY OF EMULATION

Remarkable how vigorously the British pursue their skiing! The 50th number of "Ski Notes and Queries" has just arrived, a complimentary copy for the Sierra Club library. It is a periodical published three times a year by the Ski Club of Great Britain. Among the wealth of contents are a host of illustrated articles on such subjects as "Ski-ing on the Fells," "Seefeld in Tirol," "Bilgeri Courses for British Ski-Runners," "Ski-ing on Grass," "Famous Ski-Runners," etc. and many brevities such as season reports from various local and foreign centers, the "Australian Season," "Canadian Letter," "Skiing in Sweden," notes on a variety of Ski Clubs and reports of races. The photographs are excellent, some of them superb, the articles are well written and the editorial handling most skillful. It is, in short, a highly interesting and informative publication. We hope the time is not far distant when we beneficiaries of the glorious California ski-fields may produce something of a like nature.

W. B. GARTHWAITE

IN APPRECIATION OF THE SIERRA CLUB BULLETIN

"I have been a member of the Sierra Club for several years, but this year for economy reasons I decided to drop my membership. I received, however, the February 1933 *Sierra Club Bulletin* and enjoyed it so much that I am going to ask you to reinstate me if possible."—Reinstated.

"*Sierra Club Bulletin*. 1933. Published by the Sierra Club, San Francisco. I have often criticised the printing of club journals, and it is therefore with great delight that I am able to say that this is the best printed journal I have yet seen. The illustrations are magnificent and the whole production is an artistic entity."—Review of the *Sierra Club Bulletin* published in the *Mountaineering Journal* (British) June 1933.



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